

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A method for interactively manipulating a graphical hierarchy including a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

selecting a second node in the hierarchy, wherein the second node is different from a first node, the first node being a root node of the hierarchy;

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node of the viewer;
and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes can invoke a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node and wherein the view does not show the root node of the hierarchy.

2. (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

restoring an original view of the hierarchy.

3. (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

selecting a third node in the hierarchy, wherein the third node is different from the first node and the second node; and

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the third node is the root node.

4. (Original): The method of claim 3, further comprising:

restoring a previous view of the hierarchy.

5. (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein:

the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources.

6. (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein:

the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool.

7. (Currently Amended): A method for interactively manipulating a graphical hierarchy including a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

selecting a second node in the hierarchy, wherein the second node is different from a first node, the first node being a root node of the hierarchy;

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node of the viewer;

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes can invoke a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node; and

wherein the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources; and

wherein the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool and wherein the view does not show the root node of the hierarchy.

8. (Original): The method of claim 7, further comprising:

restoring an original view of the hierarchy.

9. (Original): The method of claim 7, further comprising:

selecting a third node in the hierarchy, wherein the third node is different from the first node and the second node; and

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the third node is the root node.

10. (Original): The method of claim 9, further comprising:

restoring a previous view of the hierarchy.

11. (Currently Amended): An interactive tool for interactively manipulating a graphical hierarchy including a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

means for selecting a first node in the hierarchy, wherein the first node is different from a root node of the hierarchy;

a graphical user interface (GUI) for providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the first node is the root node of the viewer, and wherein the view does not show the root node of the hierarchy; and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes can invoke a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node.

12. (Currently Amended): The ~~method~~ tool of claim 11 wherein:
the GUI can restore an original view of the hierarchy.

13. (Currently Amended): The ~~method~~ tool of claim 11 wherein:
if a second node in the hierarchy is selected, the GUI can provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node; and
wherein the second node is a child of the first node.

14. (Currently Amended): The ~~method~~ tool of claim 13 wherein:
the GUI can restore a previous view of the hierarchy.

15. (Currently Amended): The ~~method~~ tool of claim 11 wherein:
the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources.

16. (Currently Amended): The ~~method~~ tool of claim 11 wherein:
the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool.

17. (Currently Amended): A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:

select a first node in the hierarchy, wherein the first node is different from a root node of the hierarchy;

provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the first node is the root node of the viewer, wherein the view does not show the root node of the hierarchy; and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes can invoke a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node.

18. (Original): The method of claim 17, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

restore an original view of the hierarchy.

19. (Original): The method of claim 17, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

select a second node in the hierarchy, wherein the second node is a child of the first node;
and

provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node.

20. (Original): The method of claim 19, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

restore a previous view of the hierarchy.

21. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:

the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources.

22. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:

the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool.

23. (Currently Amended): ~~A computer data signal embodied in a transmission medium~~
computer-readable storage medium, comprising:

a code segment including instructions to select a first node in the hierarchy, wherein the first node is different from a root node of the hierarchy;

a code segment including instructions to provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the first node is the root node; and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes can invoke a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node and wherein the view does not show the root node of the hierarchy.